

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
March 6, 2015**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Lisa Derr
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel
Absent: Darrell Pollesch

Also Present: John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Trace Frost, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Teri Pederson, Daily Citizen; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of February 6, 2015; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck reported that there is pending a Supreme Court rule to make efilng mandatory. The Director of State Courts is to make a determination who is ready, and this could take place as early as January of 2016. He, Bob Barrington and Lynn Hron are going to be going before the Supreme Court advocating for passage of this rule. Judge Storck hopes that the Supreme Court adopts this rule although there is no funding at this point. There are cost benefits for efilng. He explained the change in how the Court budget is being applied this year as compared to previous years.

Bob Barrington reported that the State would be updating software in his office. Bernie Mueller reported that the State is still working on designing the software for her office, and so far the interface with efilng is moving smoothly between the Child Support Agency and the Clerk of Courts.

Judge Storck pointed out to the Committee a recent article in the newspaper regarding security improvements. They are working now at cutting down the options, with another meeting

scheduled on April 6 with Mead & Hunt. He will be able to report more on costs at the next Law Enforcement Meeting.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported on the other counties looking at e-filing. Her department will have visitors from Green Lake County, Sauk County and Washington County in the near future and anticipate more as more counties start to go paperless. One Judge will even be visiting Dodge County.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reported that her lead worker has turned in her resignation with her last day being next Friday. She hopes to fill that position with a current staff member but that will still leave her department short one worker.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg reported that they are making progress regarding the proposed budget and he is still hopeful for additional funding for attorney compensation.

Medical Examiner Report: No report

Sheriff Office Report: Scott Smith brought the budgeted purchases before the Committee for approval:

Regarding purchase of five radar units to replace current equipment, Schraufnagel moved to approve with a second by Derr. Motion carried.

Schraufnagel moved to approve the ammunition purchase with a second by Bischoff. On a question by a committee member, Dodge County picks up the cost of ammunition training for SWAT members, even if they are officers from other jurisdictions, along with providing a tactical vest – these vests will stay with the County. Scott reported that the cost of ammunition is more expensive than last year. Motion carried.

Derr moved to approve the purchase of new badges out of the Crime Prevention Fund with a second by Bischoff. Officers who wished to purchase their old badge could do so with the funds going back to the Crime Prevention Fund. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Office has made the request to disregard more of the uncollected Civil Process fees. The remaining uncollected amount is \$6,580.00, with costs of collection being more than the amount of the uncollected debt. Derr moved to disregard these uncollected fees with a second by Bischoff. No further discussion. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Office asked for Consideration of a Resolution Amending Section 5.01, Organization, of Chapter 5, Law Enforcement, of the Code of Ordinances of Dodge County to reflect a staffing change of moving 1 sworn position to unsworn. Schraufnagel so moved to change this designation with a second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidt informed the Committee of a TV spot on Channel 58 last night regarding wishing to purchase new tactical vests. He explained the reasons for this change, and that he is currently fundraising to get the funds to purchase these. The cost is \$336 per vest and the department would need 50 of them for an approximate cost of \$17,000.

The Sheriff also reported that the Department has received around 100 designs in the squad car design competition, with submissions from people from ages 6 to their 50's.

The Law Enforcement Awards will in the future be handed out at County Board meetings as they happen so that everyone is aware of recipients and then would also be more current.

Other business: Captain Trace Frost from the Sheriff's Office gave an informational presentation regarding the Patrol Division of the Sheriff's Office. His division runs 3 shifts with 36 people and 2 in training. He explained the types of calls the Patrol Division handles and gave statistics for 2014, including 680,809 miles driven last year, and responding to 1,040 crashes.

Captain Frost explained to the Committee the details of the field training program. There are 24 hours of general training for officers with most being done in-house, and simunition training usually done two times per year.

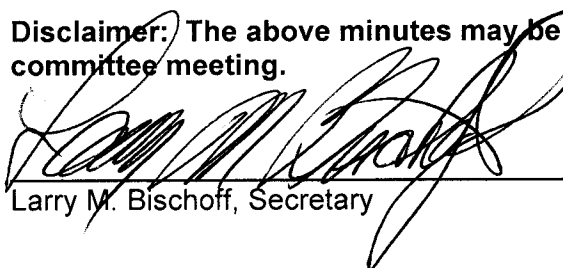

The Volunteer Citizens Patrol (formerly the Posse) will now have amber lights on the vehicle they drive. They help with scanning documents and also help with some traffic control.

The county has moved from the Crown Victorias to Ford Interceptor SUVs. These are all wheel drive vehicles. When the older vehicles are replaced, even though they are high mileage, they are sold at auction. Maintenance for Sheriff Office vehicles are hired out to area businesses.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary
Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary